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## **Water storage tank project supports fresh water for local Iraqis**

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TAJI, Iraq – Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers tested water storage tanks Monday in four communities north of Baghdad, signaling the successful completion of the vital project to supply the local citizens with fresh drinking water.

Soldiers from 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment and Company A, 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, are building relationships with the Iraqi citizens of local communities by assisting them with infrastructure improvements and providing essential services designed to improve their quality of life.

“We are happy,” said Sheik Modar Thamir, the leader in one of the communities. “Now we have fresh drinking water.”

“This is the first project we’ve started and completed,” explained Maj. Herb Joliat, civil military operations officer for 1st Brigade Combat Team. “The immediate impact

was the storage tanks. (The previous unit) put in the compact water treatment units, but they couldn't be used because they weren't connected to anything.”

The water pump takes the water from the canal network, and the compact water treatment unit purifies the water. Generators provide electricity to run the pump and the CWTU. The new tanks store the purified water and have faucets on the outside to allow the local population to fill household containers and bring the fresh water home with them.

The communities serviced by the water storage tanks are Al Raood, Banat Al Hasan, Tarbulia and Uhm Najim.

“This (project) is something we gave them,” added Joliat.

In the 1st BCT area of Iraq, relationships are being built daily between the citizens and the Coalition Forces. The Iraqi Security Forces, supported by the Coalition Forces, are helping the people of these villages by providing infrastructure and essential services in addition to providing a safe and secure environment to set the stage for a prosperous future.



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TAJI, Iraq – Maj. Herb Joliat, civil military operations officer, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, samples water from the water storage tank Monday at the Tarbulia Compact Water Treatment Unit near Taji. It is the first of the civil projects completed since 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., assumed the area of responsibility in January.

(U.S. Army photo by Maj. David Olson, 1st BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.)



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TAJI, Iraq – Compact water treatment units provide fresh water to the communities of Tarbulia, Uhm Najim, Al Raood and Banat Al Hasan near Taji.

(U.S. Army photo by Maj. David Olson, 1st BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.)



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TAJI, Iraq – The water storage tank provides potable water for the residents of Al Raood, Banat Al Hasan, Tarbulia and Uhm Najim, which is near Taji.

(U.S. Army photo by Maj. David Olson, 1st BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.)